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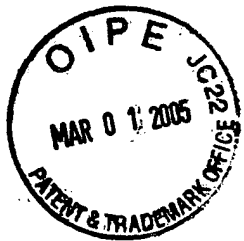
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10 **Title:** *Processing management information*

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Response to non-final Office action under 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Summary of the prosecution

20 A RCE was filed on 30 August 2004 in the above application in response to a final rejection mailed 27 May 2004 in which Examiner responded to Applicant's substantial amendment of his claims in response to a non-final Office action by rejecting the amended claims on the basis of new references. The RCE included a traversal of those rejections. Examiner thereupon mailed a non-final Office action in which he indicated

25 that he found Applicant's traversal persuasive and in which he rejected pending claim 187 as being indefinite under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph and rejected pending claims 187-210 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over the combination of two new references: Review Board, "High-end project managers", *InfoWorld*, Feb. 1, 1993, pp. 59-60, 62 -63, 66-69 (henceforth "Board") and Zimmerman, Leah V., "Software

30 review—Open Plan 5.0 Upgrade, *Cost Engineering*, Morgantown: Dec. 1993, vol. 35, Iss. 12, pg. 11 (henceforth "Zimmerman"). Applicant is amending claim 187 to overcome one portion of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, is traversing another portion thereof, and is traversing the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103.

35 **Please amend claim 187 as follows:**